

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1590

By Rose

A RESOLUTION to commend Jeff Huffman for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Tipton County Executive.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Huffman is one such admirable person, who has served a total of thirty-six years as Tipton County Executive while evidencing the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Tipton County Executive, Mr. Huffman has provided solid leadership and thoughtful guidance for his fellow citizens and distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a 1971 graduate of Brighton High School and a 1975 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Jeff Huffman was first elected to public office in 1978 as a member of the Tipton County Legislative Commission, to which he was reelected in 1982; as a commissioner, Mr. Huffman served on the Finance Committee for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Huffman was elected by his fellow citizens as Tipton County Executive in 1986 and has held the office since, having won reelection in 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, Tipton County Executive Huffman has served his constituents in numerous capacities over the past thirty-six years, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction as chairman of the Tipton County Legislative Commission, Delta Human Resource Agency, Tipton County Board of Health, and Tipton County Banking Committee, and he is an esteemed member of the Tennessee Advisory

Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Tennessee County Services Association Board of Directors, and the Megasite Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huffman also rendered sterling service as the former chairman of the Delta Commission on Aging and the West Tennessee County Executives Association, and he is a former president of the Tennessee County Executive Association and the Tennessee County Services Association; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Huffman has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which he has demonstrated through his participation as member of the Covington Rotary Club, South Tipton County Business Club, Tipton Lodge #226 in Munford, and the Scottish Rite; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Huffman is the recipient of the Memphis Area Association of Governments Distinguished Service Award, the Robert M. Wormsley County Official of the Year Award, and the Dyersburg State Community College Distinguished Service Award; he was named Exchange Club Man of the Year in 1995; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his faith, Mr. Huffman is an elder at Brighton Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, exemplifying the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Jeff Huffman is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, the former Darlene Ferrell, and their daughters, Brittany and McKenzie, and their granddaughter, Ivahgray; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure, Jeff Huffman has carried out his responsibilities as Tipton County Executive with diligence and integrity; his remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a strong advocate for the citizens of Tipton County, Mr. Huffman has compiled a singular record of success during his exemplary public service career, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Jeff Huffman for his thirty-six years of honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Tipton County Executive and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.